

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Enclosed herewith is a substitute specification for filing in the above-identified application. The undersigned hereby certifies that the substitute specification includes no new matter. A marked-up copy of the substitute specification showing the matter being added to and the matter being deleted from the specification of record is also included.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A vehicular part comprising:
a blank material formed from a sheet metal and having a bent portion; and
a backing plate joined with the blank material and having a bent portion
corresponding in position to, and bent along a same bending line as, the bent
portion of the blank material, the backing plate further having at least one aperture
formed therein at the bent portion thereof and located on the bending line. cl. 2^a
 2. (Amended) The vehicular part according to claim 1, wherein the vehicular
part is an inner skin forming part of a hood of a vehicle body, and the blank material
forms the inner skin.
 3. (Amended) The vehicular part according to claim 2, wherein the inner
skin has opposite side edge portions extending in a longitudinal direction of the
vehicle body, and the backing plate is disposed on each of the side edge portions.

Please add the following new claims:

9. (New) The vehicular part according to claim 1, wherein the aperture is designed so as to make a section modulus of the backing plate equal to a section modulus of the blank material.

10. (New) The vehicular part according to claim 1, wherein plural apertures are formed in the backing plate, and each of said apertures are located on the bending line.

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11. (New) The vehicular part according to claim 1, wherein plural apertures are formed in the backing plate, some of said plural apertures being located on the bending line while others of said plural apertures are spaced from the bending line.

12. (New) The vehicular part according to claim 1, wherein said at least one aperture has a circular shape.

13. (New) The vehicular part according to claim 1, wherein said at least one aperture has an oblong shape.

14. (New) The vehicular part according to claim 1, wherein said at least one aperture has an elongated rectangular shape.

15. (New) The vehicular part according to claim 1, wherein said at least one aperture comprises an irregularly profiled aperture.

16. (New) The vehicular part according to claim 1, wherein plural apertures are formed in the backing plate, and said plural apertures are arranged in a zigzag pattern.

32 17. (New) The vehicular part according to claim 1, wherein plural apertures are formed in the backing plate, and said plural apertures are arranged in parallel rows.

18. (New) The vehicular part according to claim 1, wherein plural apertures are formed in the backing plate, and said plural apertures are arranged in a lattice pattern.